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EDITORIALS

THE NOVEMBER ELECTION

The privilege of voting is one of the most precious rights of the citizen in a democracy.

The privilege of voting one's own convictions goes along with that. And a third right is that of voting one's own convictions without being criticized or molested by one's fellow citizens.

This newspaper always urges its readers to vote. From time to time it may discuss certain issues in an election so that we may arrive at intelligent conclusions; but we will never condemn the voter whose honest convictions do not coincide with our own.

A Presidential Election is just around the corner. It is an election of the utmost importance, and it is beclouded by many conflicting currents. Many sincere citizens will arrive at different conclusions as to what they should do.

This newspaper will go down the line for the Democratic ticket of Truman, Barkley, Robertson and Abbitt. Our belief in the Democratic Party is of long standing. Our support of the party is more deeply seated than our support of any particular candidate of the party. We believe the record shows that the farmer, the worker, the man of average means, has more to hope for under Democratic Party administration. And we believe that the cause of world peace and cooperation has great cause for hope when America is under Democratic administration.

Tag great advocates of democracy in our decades, have been Cleveland, Bryan, Wilson, Roosevelt and Truman. The Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Social Security, Rural Electrification, Farm Parity, Wage and Hour legislation, Housing, Soil Conservation, The Good Neighbor Policy, Reciprocal Tariff Agreements, Reclamation, war on monopoly, the TVA, and dozens of other achievements are in the record. And admittedly, some mistakes, too. But the overall record has been good. This is especially true of the Democratic Congresses. We fervently hope that Democrats will regain the majority in Congress, certainly in the Senate their prospects seem to be good.

As against this record, there are some who feel that after sixteen years of Democratic administration, a change is needed. Most of the polls indicate a Dewey victory, and many feel he will carry Virginia. If Mr. Dewey wins we will give him the respect and support due our nation's leader. But we shall vote for Democratic candidates down the line. Our request of you is that you vote your sincere conviction.

Past experience is that many attempts have been made, and will be made again, to take the Federal Government into policies and practices obnoxious to many Southerners. It is an old story.

What protects the interests of the dominant Southern element?

The answer to that one is simple. But it needs to be called to the attention to many who seem to have forgotten.

The answer is that the solid Democratic delegations from the South in the U. S. Senate and Congress has done the job. Often it was by filibuster, and always by constant vigilance.

Despite his great influence, no president of the United States can walk into Congress and pass a law. He can't even veto. Let Southerners remember: if they wish to preserve the precious rights of their states, they should look to the calibre of the men they send to the Senate and the Congress. That is where the battle is fought. Sometimes a Southerner has sent to and kept in the Senate, a man whose chief qualification has been his vast ability to talk for uncounted hours when a bill was up threatening "state's rights." That may be good or bad, but we believe the issue of "state's rights" has more "practical" place as a Senatorial issue than as a presidential issue.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"A people may prefer a free government; but if, from indolence, or cowardice, or cowardice, or want of public spirit, they are unequal to the exertions necessary for preserving it; if they will not fight for it when it is directly attacked; if they can be deluded by the artifices used to cheat them out of it; by momentary discouragement, temporary panic, or a fit of enthusiasm for an individual, they can be induced to lay their liberties at the feet even of a great man, or trust him with powers which enable him to subvert their institutions—in all these cases they are more or less unfit for liberty; and though it may be for their good to have had it for a short time, they are unlikely long to enjoy it." —John Stuart Mill.

OLDTIMER

An oldtimer is a fellow who remembers when new cars cost more than used ones. —Memphis Commercial Appeal.

CAN ALL PEOPLE AGREE?

(Exchange)

We have been very much interested in the opinion expressed by many leading citizens of the world that religion is the only force able to compose the differences of mankind and God is the only leader able to save the peoples of the world from the catastrophes that threaten them.

No sane and sensible man will dispute these conclusions. At the same time, they are so general in their nature than unless the people of the world are intelligent enough to devise methods and machinery to apply religious convictions to current problems, the prospect of help for the human race is distant.

To begin with, the people of the world do not agree in their religious views. They differ in their worship, in their interpretation of eternal principles and in their ideas of faith. These differences exist not only between the members of the various religious organizations but between members of the same general religious body.

Between the Mohammedans and the followers of Confucius, for example, there is a wide gap but, between the members of these sects and the followers of Christianity, the gap is wider. If we limit our observation to members of the Christian faith, we find the same diversion of views.

Obviously, there is no uniform understanding as to religion throughout the world or in its application to the problems of life. This uniformity is lacking between members of the Christian faith and certainly there is no general agreement as to its application to the problems and perplexities of the modern world.

STAMPING OUT ILLITERACY

There is reason for gratification in the Census Bureau's just-published report on illiteracy in the United States. The report notes marked progress in the struggle against illiteracy.

The illiteracy rate, according to the bureau, stood at 2.7 per cent of the population late last year when the survey was made. This compares with 4.7 per cent in 1930, 6.5 per cent in 1 20, and 20 per cent in 1870.

One reason for this is that the older illiterates have been dying off. But the bureau finds that other factors have played their part, a-mong them better enforcement of compulsory education laws, the wi-der extension of educational opportunities and the special programs instituted by the armed forces during World War II.

At the same time, the report shows that there is room for improvement. There are only 2,700,-000 illiterate, but there are 8,200,-000 "functional illiterates"— they have had no more than four years of school. And in farm areas, the illiteracy rate is 5 per cent.

In early American papers news was printed in the same order it came into the office, so the most recent items were always at the end of the page.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

By DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: Leviticus 19:1-18; Deuteronomy 5-6; Matthew 22:34-40

DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalms 19: 7-14.

Life and Law

Lesson for October 17, 1948

Dr. Foreman

YOU, friend reader, probably know less about what is in the books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy than any other part of the Bible. These are the sections mostly filled with laws—"Thou shalt . . . Thou shalt not." You either skip these entirely or you say to yourself, "Well, that has nothing to do with me." If so, you have been missing one of the most interesting sections of the Bible.

Some of these old laws are dead; but even a mummy can be interesting. Call them dead if you like; you still can learn a great deal about the times and the minds and the customs of those far-off days by reading the laws which governed people's daily lives.

But it is hardly fair to call them dead. Rather, they have been honorably retired. That is to say, they were admirable laws in their time and place, and God's will was learned thro:'t them.

The Living Soul of Law

THERE are two ways of looking at any law, or you might say there are two sides of every law, the inside and the outside, the soul and the body as it were. The body, the outside, is the letter of the law; the inside or soul of the law is the spirit or principle of the law.

The body of the law, like the body of a man, dies; it is not intended to live on and on. But the soul of the law (if it has one; some don't) lives forever.

Take, for instance, that law in Lev. 19:9, 10. The body of it, the letter, says: Do not be efficient in getting in your crops. Leave some wheat in the field. Leave some grapes on the vine.

Today that sounds rather stupid, on the face of it, and no good farmer would pay attention to it. But look at the spirit of that law: the wheat and the grapes were to be left for "the poor and the stranger." There was then no Red Cross, no bureau of displaced persons, no traveler's aid, no family service, no social security, none of our many modern agencies for the underprivileged. Those who had property were bidden to have a care for those who had none.

The duty of society to see that no one starves, the duty of all to help those in need, that is the living soul of this law, and it still breathes in laws of the 20th . century—laws of old age assistance, maternity assistance, pension plans and so forth.

The living soul of the Old Testament laws can be expressed this way: The love of justice and the justice of love. The best and wisest laws today are those which give this same spirit its fullest and most practical form.

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Jesus' Last Word

THE Jews figured out that there were in all 613 separate commandments in all the laws combined. They used to have interesting debates as to which of all the 613 commandments was the most important.

They came to Jesus with that well-worn question. Jesus quoted only two laws, one from Deut. 6:5 and the other from Lev. 19:18. Love God, love your neighbor, he said. All the other laws depend on these two.

To this day, Christian thinkers are not entirely agreed as to just how far Old Testament laws may be binding on Christians. But all are agreed on two points: The basic principle of these laws is always good, and that fundamentals principle is love.

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Love Is Not Repealed

THIS is what Christians mean when they say that the laws of God are eternal. We do not mean that every law between the covers of the Bible can and should be used as the law of our land today.

What we do mean is that the spirit of these laws is immortal, for the spirit is love, and love never has been repealed.

Show me a law which helps the strong at the expense of the weak, a law which encourages cheating and selfishness and fighting, and I will show you a bad law. Show me a law which encourages and helps men to deal fairly with one another and to live together in peace, and I will show you a good law. Every law that helps you love your neighbor is a good law; indeed there is something divine about it, for God is Love.

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Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Drinkard and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Drinkard.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Page and Jean, spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Page.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Bingham and son visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilkerson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. David Martin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hal Moore, of Beckham.

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Farm Topics

Poultrymen Advised To Retain All Pullets

Culling Hens Is Means Of Increasing Returns

To assure top poultry profits during the winter season, keep an all-pullet flock. Pullets lay in the fall and winter when egg prices are high. At the same time, old hens are going through their fall molt and consuming 25 to 30 pounds of feed while producing no eggs.

In the spring, when old hens resume laying, egg prices are down, thus necessitating a very heavy layer to pay the $1.50 feed bill which was amassed during the winter months.

Old hens may be sold at once or they may be culled individually as they go out of production. A weekly check of the old hen flock will enable the poultryman to cull out the loafers.

If an old hen flock is maintained over the winter months, separate housing for pullets and old hens should be provided for best management and disease control.

As another step in culling the poultry flock, old roosters also should be eliminated. They serve no useful purpose and eat lots of feed.

Some pullets also may have to be culled if the flock is to be maintained at the desired size for profitable operation throughout the winter. In this case, only the best potential layers should be retained. A good ready-to-lay pullet is one that is smoothly feathered, plump in body and carries richly pigmented shanks.

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Secretary Marshall returns to Paris after conference with President Truman.

Dul ... won over Navy Saturday.

Stonewall

Stonewall, Oct. 12.- We are all so sorry to hear that Mr. J. P. Alvis, Sr., is not any better, but hope he will soon be up and about.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson spent Sunday in Nelson with Mr. and Mrs. Thornhill Carter.

Miss Rachel Chick, of Norfolk, spent the week-end with her parents and her sister, Mrs. Henry Beard.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Braford and two children spent the week-end with his parents at Natural Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burnette and two children and Aubrey Lee Burnette, of Roanoke spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. Rufus Burnette.

Mrs. A. F. Drinkard is spending this week with Miss Verna Harding. She visited her brother, E. L. Chick, last Friday. She also visited her neice, Mrs. C. D. Carson and spent the day Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

Rev. D. P. Spence preached at Bethel Church last Sunday. He and Mrs. Spence were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Moore and family.

The Rev. G.E. Hughes will preach at Hebron Church Sunday night.

Clayton Drinkard, Jr., of Lynchburg visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Drinkard Sunday.

Study in Contrasts

Long a standby of agriculture in the South, "Sally" views with interest the "new look" in Georgia farming. Latest figures show a steady decrease in the number of mules used for farm power in this state. Replacing them are jeeps, representing another step forward in farm mechanization. Equipped with hydraulic lifts and numerous other special implements and attachments, jeeps have speeded up farm operations and eased the work burden for both farmer and mule.

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